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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM NASA ADMINISTRATOR FROSCHE TO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES PRESIDENT ALEKSANDROV.

2. JUNE 5, 1978 04.06

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ACADEMICIAN A. P. ALEKSANDROV
PRESIDENT
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE USSR
LENINSKY PROSPECT, 14
MOSCOW, V-71, USSR

DEAR ACADEMICIAN ALEKSANDROV:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MAY 5, FORWARDED TO ME BY OUR
EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN OVER DELAYS
IN IMPLEMENTING JOINT STUDIES OF A POSSIBLE SHUTTLE-SALYUT
MISSION. UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE FOUND THAT THE ISSUES UNDER-
LYING THIS ACTIVITY ARE FAR MORE COMPLEX THAN WE HAD AT

FIRST BELIEVED. DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES
IS TAKING LONGER THAN WE EXPECTED. WE ARE STUDYING THESE
MATTERS DILIGENTLY WITH A VIEW TOWARD EARLY RESOLUTION
AND WE WILL BE IN COMMUNICATION WITH YOU AS SOON AS OUR
DELIBERATIONS ARE COMPLETED.

SINCERELY,

ROBERT A. FROSCHE
ADMINISTRATOR
NASA

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